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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination and consideration of the claims in view of the above amendments. By the above amendments, Claim 6 has been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-13 are currently pending in this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims 1-13 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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